

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Seetor~~ Vector pXT-dapCexp having the restriction map shown in Figure 2 and deposited as DSM 13254 in *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.

7. (Previously Amended) A coryneform bacterium comprising the vector of claim 6.

8. – 14. (Withdrawn-Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. – 17. (Withdrawn).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) An isolated DNA encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said protein has N-succinylaminokeptopimelate transaminase activity.

20. (Previously Amended) An isolated DNA comprising nucleotides 91 to 1191 of SEQ ID NO:3.

21. (Previously Amended) A coryneform bacterium comprising the isolated DNA of claims 19 or 20.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Canceled).

OK
to enter
8/19/03